

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
LAKE CHARLES DIVISION

**ANTHONY L. DOUGLAS
#06996-003**

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:11-cv-2013
SECTION P**

VERSUS

JUDGE MINALDI

JOSEPH P. YOUNG

MAGISTRATE JUDGE KAY

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Before the court is the *pro se* civil rights complaint filed *in forma pauperis* by plaintiff on November 15, 2011. Doc. 1. At the time plaintiff filed this complaint, he was an inmate in the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) and he was incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institute, Oakdale (FCIO), Louisiana.

On November 26, 2012, this court filed a memorandum order [doc. 5] instructing plaintiff to provide additional information in support of his complaint.

On December 10, 2012, the memorandum order sent to plaintiff was returned to the court [doc. 6] with the notation “return to sender, refused, unable to forward.” The documents were mailed to plaintiff at the last address supplied.

LAW AND ANALYSIS

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 41(b) permits dismissal of claims “[i]f the plaintiff fails to prosecute or to comply with ... a court order...” The district court also has the inherent authority to dismiss an action *sua sponte*, without motion by a defendant. *Link v. Wabash R.R.Co.*, 82 S.Ct. 1386, 1388-89 (1962). “The power to invoke this sanction is

necessary in order to prevent undue delays in the disposition of pending cases and to avoid congestion in the calendars of the District Courts.” *Id.* at 1388.

Further, Local Rule (LR) 41.3 provides in part, “[t]he failure of a[]... pro se litigant to keep the court apprised of an address change may be considered cause for dismissal for failure to prosecute when a notice is returned to the court for the reason of an incorrect address and no correction is made to the address for a period of thirty days.” More than thirty days has elapsed since the court’s correspondence was returned.

Therefore,

IT IS RECOMMENDED that plaintiff’s civil rights complaint be **DISMISSED** in accordance with the provisions of FRCP Rule 41(b) and LR41.3.

Under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §636(b)(1)(C) and Fed.R.Civ.Proc. 72(b), parties aggrieved by this recommendation have fourteen (14) business days from service of this report and recommendation to file specific, written objections with the clerk of court. A party may respond to another party’s objections within fourteen (14) days after being served with a copy thereof.

Failure to file written objections to the proposed factual finding and/or the proposed legal conclusions reflected in this Report and Recommendation within fourteen (14) days following the date of its service, or within the time frame authorized by Fed.R.Civ.P. 6(b), shall bar an aggrieved party from attacking either the factual findings or the legal conclusions accepted by the District Court, except upon grounds of plain error. See *Douglas v. United Services Automobile Association*, 79 F.3d 1415 (5th Cir. 1996), superceded by statute on other grounds, 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) (extending the time to file objections from ten to fourteen days).

THUS DONE this 9th day of April, 2013.



KATHLEEN KAY
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE